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The Force Of Example.

By VIOLA ROSEBORO'.

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IT was in the old time, and it was the old story. A man and a maid sat under a tree, a little stream at their feet and the lush summer all around. The land was wild and beautiful. The cultivated fields to be seen by a bird above their heads were only little, irregular islands grouped through the sea of forest. Near the pair—that is, not half a mile away—stood the largest and best farmhouse within many miles. It had a frame addition built in front of the older log structure, a big, rough, grassy yard, and at one side a garden equally divided between flowers and vegetables.

Two stout dames sat on the back gallery, one knitting, one with folded hands.

"I tell you, Betty," said the idle one, "I don't give my approval to the way you're a-lettin Lucindy carry on. That gal is the talk of the county."

"Now, Sist' Emmy," replied the other in an aggrieved, long suffering tone, "that's a turrible way to talk. It's onjust. 'The talk of the county,'" she repeated, flaring into a little unusual vigor of utterance, "sounds as if the poor child had done somethin disrespectable, and goodness knows I don't know sence when there's a law in the land that a gyirl's got to marry afore she's ready."

"The trouble with that gal," said Sist' Emmy, "'pears to be that she won't git married when she is ready."

It was the belief of her relatives that Mrs. Emmeline Simms persisted in saying "gal" for the express purpose of mortifying and irritating them and that she particularly loved to so designate Lucinda, Lucinda being the source of certain innovations in the family English.

"There she sits out there," said Mrs. Simms, pointing to the pair visible as small blots under the distant feathery walnut tree, "a-lettin that poor fool spark her and as like as not a-lettin him 'p'int the day ag'in, and then she'll go kick over the traces once more at the last minute. And, talk about bein the talk of the county, do you reckon, Betsey Ann, that anything is a-goin to be more talked about on the footstool than a gal breakin off her weddin after they've begun to bake the cake? Do you?"

"Now, Sist' Emmy," began Lucinda's mother, exactly as before, "you know there was mighty little cake baked. You'd jest come and hadn't fairly got into the fruit cake; and Lucindy never let it get that far afore, and she won't ag'in, 'cept she's goin through with it. You forgit the feelin's of a gyirl. They don't alluz know their own minds. Ethan Simms is only your nephew by marriage, and Lucindy's your own blood niece, and my feelin's is hurt, Sist' Emmy"—

"Betty Ann, don't begin like that. You know I'm as fond of Lucindy as if she was my own child, but you never did have no gover'ment, and I do say that to have all this courtin startin up ag'in with that eejet—I think the man's bewitched—when it was scan'lal enough to have the weddin broke off after the invites was out"— Mrs. Simms stopped an instant, then escaped the labyrinth of her own sentences by cutting through directly to the main matter. "The gal ought to be made to drop him or take him."

"Seems as if it's more Ethan's business than y— than anybody else's, and he 'pears mighty anxious not to be dropped, whether he's taken or not."

"Humph! Ethan's a plumb eejet—far be any denyin of that from me—but Lucindy is full as eager about keepin him danglin as he is, and you don't lift your finger about it. I don't know why the Lord sends fambilies to women with no gover'ment, but he most certainly do."

Of course her own caprices were also being discussed by Lucinda and her lover under the walnut tree. Truth to tell, these caprices had always furnished them with conversational material, a commodity which otherwise they often must have lacked.

For four years they had been "courtin," and three times a wedding day had been set. The last time, only three months before, the usual retreat by the unstable Lucinda had been delayed, as we have already learned, until publicity and general condemnation were its well merited portion.

Lucinda now stood under the walnut tree a lamentably attractive and appealing figure of a culprit. She was only a slip of a thing, though 19 years were quoted warningly to her. There were few unmarried girls in the settlement so old.

Little, tricksy brown curls had slipped from the bands and knots she tried so hard to keep smooth. Her brown eyes were swimming in tears, which were falling one by one over brown cheeks as round as a child's. She knotted her hands in her apron, though it was her best one and just ironed, as she said:

"I do care about you, Ethan; you know I do. I want to marry you some time; you know I do. But—but I don't seem ready to settle down right off. It looks sort of dreadful—everything all fixed one way then for the rest of your life. I like being a gyirl." On this last word this frivolous young person caught her breath and began to sob.

"You wouldn't think that a-way if you cared for me," said the seated Ethan gloomily, prudently keeping his honest, dust colored head turned from the melting sight beside him.

"I would, too-oo. A gyirl ain't like a man."

"No'm; you're right, they ain't. It says in all the books that women is withouten no heart and man's destroyer. That's the 'pinion of the wise men."

It was sunset before the two could abandon the delights of quarreling and return to the house. There the stir of getting a company supper made a picture of kaleidoscopic activity, half homely, half weird, against the soft twilight of the woods and fields. From the kitchen a broad, shifting flare of firelight shone forth, through which dark, turbaned figures flitted deftly back and forth, carrying covered dishes, while children and dogs of all colors and sizes appeared and disappeared on every side. Mrs. Todd, Lucinda's mother, treated Ethan with an effusive hospitality intended to atone for what we might call the heated indifference shown by her sister.

It shows how absorbing and delightful a topic was Lucinda's misconduct that this afternoon it had displaced the natural theme of the hour, and that a good one too. Mrs. Simms and Ethan were stopping overnight with the Todds on their way to a wedding. Lucinda was to go with them, and on the morrow the three were to set out. A horseback journey of 25 miles more was the price, or the premium, for this social experience.

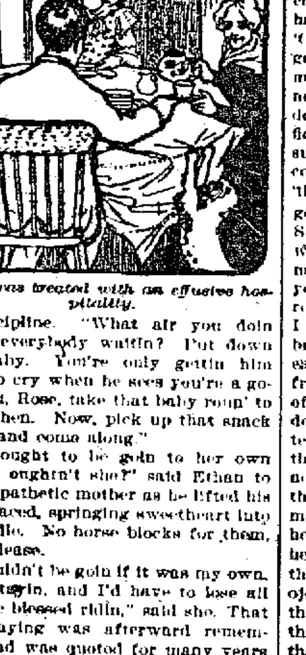
"If you had any proper shame," said Mrs. Simms that night after the candle was out, taking an unfair advantage of the fact that she was sharing Lucinda's bed, "you'd be too humbled to show your face at a weddin, and with Ethan too! I'd never show my face with you if Milly Anson wasn't my own cousin's stepdaughter and her mammy's family all bein so dreadful thin skinned about the way Sarah's kin treats her. Now, praise the Lord, this is the last upsettin botheration Sarah'll have to have with Milly, and she's been trial enough, for a more addle pated fly-up-the-creek than that pasty faced gal this settlement ain't never seed. Howsomever," Mrs. Simms quickly added, remembering her text, "'tain't becomin in me to talk long's she ain't never done nothin to ekal my own flesh and blood niece. I tried hard enough yesterday to get that fool of a boy to go on with me to old Squire Hunt's for the night, but he jest vowed that he'd come here or nary a step to no weddin would he stir. He ain't no respeck for hisself. I can't see what use a woman's got for sich a sowf mush of a man."

This bait failed of a bite. Mindful of the morning's early start, Lucinda was successfully giving her exclusive attention to the business of getting to sleep. She was not going to disturb herself. She might shed tears of repentance when with Ethan. She had none to spend for Aunt Emmy's delectation. Probably she comprehended that Aunt Emmy was well pleased at the worst. She adored Lucinda and loved dearly to see her have her own way. Her vanity was gratified for the whole sex at the daring with which the girl risked the loss of a lover and kept him, and she had an unsurpassed opportunity for the dear joy of hectoring her younger sister, the poor lady without "gover'ment." In fact, she was never better pleased in her life.

The sun was just rising next day when the three horses were brought up to the great wooden block by the front gate. And such a day as it was, all gold lighted blue and gold steeped dewy greenness!

"What's keepin Lucindy? Does the gal think we're jest a-goin to the fork of the road and that she's got halfen the day to spend puttin a ridin skyert over her head?" fussed Mrs. Simms as she gathered up the copperas dyed cotton folds of her own traveling costume and gave a final adjusting punch to the saddlebags.

"Lucindy! Lucindy! Come out here!" called her mother sharply, desiring to demonstrate her denied powers of family discipline. "What air you doin keepin everybody waitin? Put down that baby. You're only gettin him ready to cry when he sees you're a-goin. You, Rose, take that baby roun' to the kitchen. Now, pick up that snack basket and come along."



Ethan was treated with an effusive hospitality.

"She ought to be goin to her own weddin, oughtn't she?" said Ethan to the sympathetic mother as he lifted his bright faced, springing sweetheart into the saddle. No horse blocks for them, if you please.

"I wouldn't be goin if it was my own. I'd be stayin, and I'd have to lose all this yere blessed ridin," said she. That small saying was afterward remembered and was quoted for many years among the Todds as if it were a witticism, but now it passed without more notice than an irrelevant speech.

"Well, bless you, honey," said her mother as she settled her skirts for her. Surely it was not to be expected that government should always prevail and crossness be the rule of life.

Lucinda was not without a show of reason in reckoning this ride as a pleasure overbalancing the pomp and pride of matrimony. All day they ambled on, with only woods and fields about them, and were oftenest and longest in the depths of the sun threaded, fragrant forest twilight, everything but the road beneath their feet untouched, pristine, primal, as if man had never been. Ah, who has such journeys now?

Aunt Emmy was as softly accommodating as poor Mrs. Todd herself could have been and often covered mile after mile, riding on ahead, without once directing her tunnel of a sunbonnet behind her. Lucinda's bonnet was generally hanging backward over her shoulders. Poor Lucinda's reputation for beauty was sadly injured by her brown skin—milky whiteness was of all things most admired in her world—but she took the sweet with the bitter and absolved herself from the elaborate swathings and bleachings which were the community's tribute to æsthetic interests.

"A little more or a little less don't matter when one dip more would have sent me to the kitchen anyhow," she declared when entreated to return from the light of heaven into the cavernous depths of the prevailing sunbonnet. Even Ethan did not know she was a beauty, but thought it was by some special warping of perception that she seemed so to him.

It was not only in the matter of complexion that Lucinda was out of joint with her lot in life. She had a touch of imagination, had vague desires to see beyond her world, to try something beyond, to have some chance at the unknown, desires which seemed all unshared by any other being. She was a world away from [illegible]. It was only by some obscure movement of soul that she was frightened when she saw the opportunities of the future about to narrow down to the familiar lot of Ethan's wife. That was the root of all this extravagant coquetry that looked so hateful. She could not have told why, but [illegible].

Certainly she did not mean to ever lose Ethan. As Mrs. Simms complained, she would not leave him any more than she would take him; but, truly, with the world as it is and a bit of a girl with her life to shape with such a load of biddings and forbiddings upon her, who expects her to rise to fair dealing with free and sovereign man? Certainly Lucinda did not expect it of herself. She never dreamed of such a thing. She vaguely intended to marry Ethan some time—if—maybe—but— In the meantime she had no notion of permitting him to discover that there was any other woman in the world, not while she had eyes and such long lashes as well and was really very fond of the good Ethan. Pity him? What affectation! He was the most entertained man in seven counties. Moreover, he won the game. But this is anticipating.

The travelers went 25 miles the first day and then, all unannounced, descended upon a "neighbor" for the night. Returned prodigals could not have been more heartily welcomed. Much squawking and fluttering among the chickens roosting in the apple trees in the back yard followed their arrival and testified eloquently as to the supper that they were to enjoy. But our business lies now at the end of the journey.

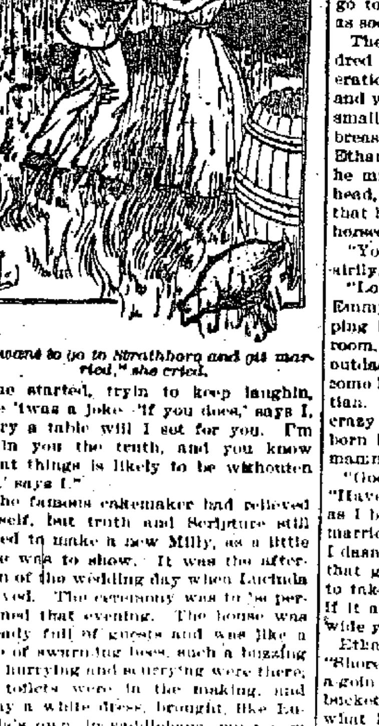
Truly, Mrs. Simms had expressed herself with her customary insight and exactness when she called Milly Anson a pasty faced, addle pated fly-up-the-creek.

On all sides it was felt as an especial evidence of providential consideration that Milly had got a husband—or the promise of one. Here, again, I see strange evidence of the absence of just consideration for the masculine part of the race. No one could regard it as good fortune for a man to have Milly Anson as a wife, but his immediate female relatives alone were occupied with his fate.

Milly was now swimming in all the importance of the occasion—an importance which too often unduly elates the most pleasing woman and which affected Milly in a way and degree well fitted to sadden any observer, especially if she were an unmarried woman.

The most famous cakemaker of the county, who had been lending it to the kitchen for a week, was by no means unmarried and she had the toleration born of a large experience of brides elect, yet even she found Milly unendurable.

"I have been asked to bake the cake at eleven weddin's since I married my fust husband," said she afterward, "not only for my own kin, but among the Gileses and Slimmonses and down to Strathboro and over the Ridge, and I've seen a heap of fool gyirls, but I'll gin up that Milly Anson that week was a notch beyond any on 'em. I stood her jest as long as I could, and at last I broke out on her. It was jest the day before the thing was to come off, and she kep' teeterin and titterin in and out, a-jarrin the floor and makin my heart come in my mouth for fear my last big pound cake in the oven would fall, and I'd told her more'n a dozen times, that very day to stay in the house; but, no, sir, she would keep comin in to say how strange her feelin's was and that she knew she never could l'arn Tummas' ways and she never would 'a' done it if Tummas hadn't pestered her into it. Tom Slimmons, bless you! And lastly she bounced in on to me, catchin hold of me, and me with my hands all in the flour and says she: 'Oh, Cousin Liz, I'm so skeered!' 'I'm gettin so skeered!' says she. Now, it's my conviction that she'd made up her mind then as to what she was goin to do and was sure enough gettin' a little fidgety, but in course I never had no such reflection then and I'd had all I could stand. 'Milly Anson,' says I, 'there's no need of your bein a bigger eejet than the Lord made you. Stop a-clutchin on to me! I'm wore out with your pertaness. If Tom Slimmons'll marry you, more fool he, but you better have a thankful heart, and I reckon you have. As for bein skeered, I wish you was skeered enough to break your appetite and stop you from eatin them snowballs fast as I git the frostin on 'em. You're a livin example of the truth of the Bible and the wisdom of King Solomon,' says I, 'for he tells how the yearth is disquieted for three things, yea, four, which it cannot bear,' says I, for I seen that quotin the Bible ag'in her was strikin her more'n anything else—'a servant when he reigneth,' I went on, 'a fool when he's filled with meat, an handmaiden that's heir to her mistress and an ojeous woman when she's married or thinks she's goin to be. It's the same thing. And now, if you think I made that up outen my own head, you go and read your Bible long enough and you'll l'arn better. At any rate, git back to the house, and don't you step your foot into this kitchen ag'in,' says I, 'for,' says I, hollerin after her—she'd done started, tryin to keep laughin, like 'twas a joke—'if you does,' says I, 'nary a table will I set for you. I'm tellin you the truth, and you know what things is likely to be withouten me,' says I."



"I want to go to Strathboro and git married," she cried.

The famous cakemaker had relieved herself, but truth and Scripture still failed to make a new Milly, as a little time was to show. It was the afternoon of the wedding day when Lucinda arrived. The ceremony was to be performed that evening. The house was already full of guests and was like a hive of swarming bees, such a buzzing and hurrying and scurrying were there, for toilets were in the making, and many a white dress, brought, like Lucinda's own, in saddlebags, must now be ironed out, be the kitchen quarters filled with never so much anxiety and turmoil of their own.

The men, more or less unhappy and stranded, tried to keep out of the way and staid chiefly out of doors. Despite intermittent, decorous efforts to save himself for the great moment, the bridegroom was painfully conspicuous among them, being a marked and solitary man by reason of his "store" clothes.

Ethan Simms was exactly the sort of male creature that looks upon such eminence as a thing hard to bear, but now, as the common fate of bridegrooms, he gazed at that long tailed, brass buttoned blue coat with heavy hearted envy. He was sadly depressed about his love affair. He was an excellent fellow, and there is evidence of it in the fact that he had moments of sympathizing with Lucinda's reluctance to marry him.

"Marvel is that she ever thinks she will," he would say to himself, but final reflections always supported him in his desires, as is the way with final reflections, and he would conclude that nothing better than wedding him was likely to come to her. That he argued it out with his passion shows the reasonable temper of the man. And who would have liked him better for arriving at any other conclusion? Certainly no woman.

Twilight found him sitting alone on the fence, smoking and meditating means for bringing Lucinda to the altar.

"If it was once done," he said to himself as he brought his long legs to the ground, knocked the ashes out of his pipe and returned it to his pocket, "she'd be better content nor she is now, but she is that skittish and she sees through me that quick that I don't know what sort of devices to fall upon."

In the house the candles were now lighted. Sleek ringleted young women came forth in groups; family potentates disappeared; the store clothed bridegroom was followed a moment by the arriving parson, and then he, too, became invisible. The air was tense with expectation. Low, eager talk about tucks and embroidery, "fine swiss" and "clocked stockings" was drawing the women's heads together. Finally this died out. The parson was spirited away to the fateful upper regions. Still no bride and bridegroom. The delay was extraordinary. Opinions that it was outrageous were brewing, for supper, you see, was still to come. An odd uneasiness was in the air. In fact, to make a long story short, Milly Anson had chosen this hour to declare that she would not be married to Thomas Slimmons—not she! Tears, revilings, corporal shakings, threats of immediate death from her father, given with a truly awful sincerity of mien, all availed nothing. Milly was a weak creature and had capacities for stubbornness to be found in no other. She had long dreamed of following in Lucinda's footsteps. The notoriety which had been thrust upon Lucinda by the gossip starved community shone before her as a prize to be achieved, and, moreover, there was a half covert and most reprehensible relish in the [illegible] about that young damsel's fractiousness that acted as a bellows upon the flame of folly in Milly's bosom. At last she had seized her opportunity. She was copying all that had ever been heard of reluctant maidens. When the storm broke over her, she was frightened. Things did not seem exactly as she had foreseen. "Tummas," for instance, was unbecomingly inexpressive and inactive amid all these violent energies; but, partly because she was frightened, she clung immovably to the one thing that in all the confusion she seemed able to grasp the course of conduct marked out in happier moments. Her poor little aborted powers of reasoning had of course left her at the first onslaught, and now to give way seemed to her darkened consciousness to be abandoning her only plank amid the whirling waters.

Imagine Lucinda's feelings. A well of bitterness were they within her as she sat trying to look unconscious of any special relation to the catastrophe, while the company ebbed and surged about her in suppressed but delicious excitement. But even now from all sides she felt eyes turning upon her. To be forever bracketed with this fool was sickening. And peppering her other emotions was undeniably a sense of infringement—Milly Anson of all people to imitate her!

At last such guests as could leave that night tore themselves away. Our trio were not among them. Till morning they must spend the weary, broken, dream haunted hours in the midst of the shattered household. They kept apart and spoke little. Lucinda writhed to see how plainly her aunt and Ethan recognized the special shame for their little party in this bigger shame and how plainly they showed their recognition. She denied to herself first its existence and then its justice and denounced Aunt Emmy and Ethan for a "pair of ninnies, goin roun' with their heads hangin 'bout somethin they had nothin in this mortal world to do with." Yes, it was true. For once other considerations outweighed Aunt Emmy's appetite for sensation, and she was humbled.

Lucinda got up at dawn. She was pale, and her mouth was shut with a firmness quite absurd on such a becurved little face. Before the sun rose she succeeded in getting hold of Ethan. She dragged him out of doors and into the dewy grass for private converse. The sleepiness left his eyes when she faced him and said fiercely, "I want to go to Strathboro and git married just as soon as you can saddle up."

The poor man's head whirled. A hundred things seeming to demand consideration and time sprang to his mind, and withal his arms ached to catch this small amazon off the ground and to his breast. But he was a wise one, was Ethan. He held himself quite still, as he might if a bird had lighted on his head, until he could answer quietly that he'd go right off and see about the horses.

"You tell Aunt Emmy," said Lucinda airily.

"Lor' a'mighty!" broke forth Aunt Emmy in tones of real irritation, dropping into a chair in the deserted best room. "I never hearn of anything so outlacious in all my days. Let her come home and be married like a Christian. I should think we'd had enough crazy Janein to do us the rest of our born lives. I ain't a-goin to have her mammy sayin I"—

"Good gracious!" broke in Ethan. "Have I got to go and cote you as long as I been cotin Lucindy 'fore I kin git married? Can't you see, Aunt Em, that I dassn't stand foolin and argufyin with that gyirl? Don't you know I've got to take her when I can git her? And if it ain't now there's no sayin on the wide yearth when 'twill be."

Ethan mopped his brow on his sleeve. "Shorely, shorely, Aunt Em, 'tain't a-goin to be you as'll knock over the bucket altogether! There's no tellin what Lucindy'll do next if she's riled. Bless you, thanky, thanky! Don't say nothin to her, don't say nothin no way. Jest help her to git ready as if she got married at Strathboro every day in the week."

It is pleasant to know that in this case, too, the impossible became possible, and that 'twixt nature, use and honest purposes Lucinda's marriage was not a failure, and that she, selfish human that she was, never regretted an experiment which cost poor Milly Anson dear indeed, for only after years of obloquy and sorrow, vain efforts and journeyings to the "Ellynois," a far country, was a husband for her at last secured.

THE LOCK OF YELLOW HAIR.

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CERTAINLY there was nothing about Abram Smollett to suggest the gay Lothario. He was the most commonplace, not to say plainest, looking of mortals, a respected member of the board of trade and a thorough business man. I don't suppose any woman excepting Smollett's wife ever looked twice at him, and yet Mrs. Smollett was inordinately jealous.

Smollett's marriage, rather late in life, was a quite unexpected one. He was 42 if he was a day when the papers announced the surprising event. The sly rascal had never let a breath of it out, and the very day of the ceremony he shrewdly "pinched" Johnson and Joe and Ed Latelle in C. B. and Q., clearing enough to pay the expenses of his wedding journey.

Only there wasn't any journey. No, sir. They settled down in Smollett's up town house like an old married pair. I was Smollett's closest friend, so I knew something about the match. It was purely a marriage for love if ever there was one, and the bride, who was one of the daintiest, prettiest little creatures you ever saw—she was 20 years Smollett's junior—began at once to enjoy herself by being wildly jealous of her homely husband.

If the bridegroom had been jealous of the bride, there might have been some apparent sense in it. But poor old Smollett! Why, he was as homely as a hedge fence.

Lydia, however, never seemed to see this incongruity. She had loved Smollett ever since her school days, when he used to carry her wonderful French dolls and smuggle pounds and pounds of candy into the boarding school to her, and now she thought that of course every other woman the poor fellow had ever spoken with must have loved him too.

A long while ago Smollett had a partner, who died and left his daughter, a child of 10, to Smollett's care. This daughter was Lydia, and it was long before her guardian had even dared think of marrying her. It is one of the mysteries of the decade how she ever managed to show the perverse fellow that she cared for him.

Well, they got along delightfully for two years, excepting when Lydia got it into her foolish little head that Abram was spending more time in his office than he ought and became frightfully jealous of the typewriter, whom she pictured in her own mind as a siren of unlimited power over the other sex.

When she made an unexpected descent upon the office, however, she found a long legged, redheaded boy battering the keys of the machine, and the only woman on the premises was the scrubwoman, of whom even Lydia could not be jealous.

Smollett is as methodical in his habits as a well regulated town clock. On a certain day every spring he leaves off flannels, and on a certain day in the fall he puts on overshoes. Once in every ten years he has his watch cleaned at the jeweler's. The time for renovating his chronometer came around lately, and Smollett left it with a jeweler in the shopping district.

Stocks were rather shaky about that time, and he had to leave his desk early and late to watch matters. He could not find time to go around after his timepiece, and his absence was always bothering him, for he had to depend upon church clocks, a French mantel clock that was never known to be right half a day at a time and his wife's chatelaine and was always missing cars and being late at appointments.

So dear Lydia, with the best of intentions, found the jeweler's ticket and went herself after the watch, saying nothing to Smollett about it. When she presented the ticket to the jeweler, he looked at it and then at her.

"This is a gentleman's watch, miss."

Lydia blushed prettily. "Oh, yes; it's my husband's," she said.

He brought it from the safe and said, "I think it's all right, ma'am." He snapped the case and opened the back of the watch to look at the works. As he did so a tiny lock of hair slipped out upon the showcase.

The jeweler glanced at it and then at Lydia. Her hair is a golden brown. The lock which had dropped out of the watch was yellow!

The jeweler was a wise man; he was married himself. He glanced slyly at Lydia. Her eyes were flashing, and a red spot burned in either cheek. She had seen the lock of hair, but he, out of the goodness of his heart, tried to shield the victim. He closed the watch without putting back the hair and started to pack the timepiece in a box.

"You have forgotten something," said Lydia in a hard voice.

"I beg pardon."

"You have forgotten something," she repeated, pointing to the yellow lock, which he had sought to hide with his coat sleeve.

"Oh, that?" said this blessed Ananias. "I guess you're wrong, ma'am. That's a bit of hair a customer of mine wanted me to put in a locket for him"—

"I saw it drop," said Lydia, with a calmness that quelled the jeweler's glib tongue. "Put it back in the watch."

He obeyed. She paid the bill and swept regally from the store. That is why Smollett, going home that night after a particularly vexing day and longing to forget business for a few hours in the society of his charming little wife, found in her place an iceberg.

She did not meet him in the hall as usual. The maid opened the door. When he went up to her room she had locked herself in and would not answer. At dinner she came down late and brought into the room with her an atmosphere that positively gave Smollett a chill, turned the butler's nose blue and cooled the coffee in the urn.

Smollett was puzzled, but made no comment. With women, as in business, Smollett's was a waiting game. He always went on the theory that if he waited long enough the other fellow would show his hand. So after dinner he retired to the library with his paper.

His theory was again proved correct. She soon appeared, but a glance at her face assured him that there was little change in the weather. He wished he had ordered James to light a fire in the grate. She stood beside the table and placed a box upon it.

"There is your watch."

"Oh, thank you, my dear," said the unsuspicious Smollett. "I'd never have found time to go around for it."

She made no comment, but watched him take it out, snap it on to his watch chain and slip it into its accustomed place in the left breast pocket of his vest.

"You beast! You br-r-ute!" she cried tragically, and as the [illegible] tears burst [illegible] from the [illegible] shut herself [illegible] again.

Poor Smollett was thunderstruck. He tried in a sneaking way—for the servants were greatly in evidence—to gain audience with his wife, but she would not open her door, and he [illegible] the night on the couch [illegible] and went down the next morning in a most bewildered state of mind and an empty state of stomach.

Lydia's actions so worried him that he could not keep his mind on business. He was irritable and generally fractious, and the redheaded young man suffered accordingly. About [illegible] Charlie Paget, an old friend and a good lawyer, came in. Charlie's eyes twinkled, but his manner was solemn.

"See here, Abram," he said, "what's this I hear about you?"

"What is it—that I've sold C., B. and Q. short? That yarn's stale," snapped Smollett.

"No, sir; something more serious than that."

"What is it?" in dawning wonder at the lawyer's solemnity.

"It is—er—something regarding your private life. I know it isn't any business of mine," Charlie hurried on, with a deprecatory wave of his hand, "or wouldn't be had I not known you so long. But as a personal friend"—

"Personal fiddlesticks!" exclaimed Smollett crossly. "What are you getting at?"

"Why, this trouble with your wife," said Charlie, with the air of a funeral mute. "Abram, I never thought it of you. I never would have suspected that you, Abram Smollett, were a gay deceiver; that you were living a double life."

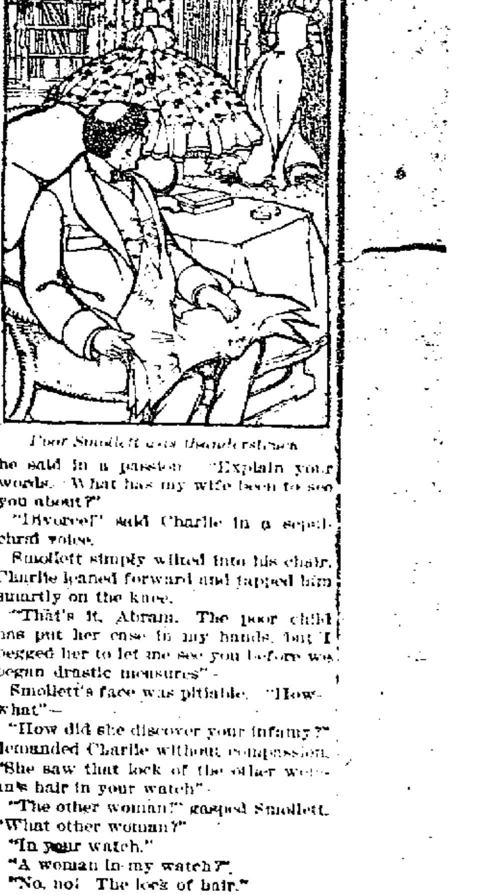
"Double nothing! What do you mean?" yelled Smollett, his ugly face turning a deep brick red.

"Hush, Abram!" said the lawyer soothingly. "There is no use in your getting excited about it. Did you suppose that you could continue in such a course of infidelity without being found out some time?"

"What do you mean?"

"Be calm, Abram," said the aggravating visitor. "Your wife—poor, unfortunate woman—has just been to my office to see me. I know all!" He said it as tragically as though he had spent years in melodrama.

"See here!" Smollett arose in his might, seized Paget by the shoulders with no gentle force and seated him in a chair. "This has gone far enough,"



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he said in a passion. "Explain your words. What has my wife been to see you about?"

"Divorce!" said Charlie in a sepulchral voice.

Smollett simply wilted into his chair. Charlie leaned forward and tapped him smartly on the knee.

"That's it, Abram. The poor child has put her case in my hands, but I begged her to let me see you before we began drastic measures."

Smollett's face was pitiable. "How—what"—

"How did she discover your infamy?" demanded Charlie without compassion. "She saw that lock of the other woman's hair in your watch"—

"The other woman!" gasped Smollett. "What other woman?"

"In your watch."

"A woman in my watch?"

"No, no! The lock of hair."

Smollett drew out his timepiece. He gradually grew calm. He opened the back case, and the yellow lock fell into his hand. He looked from it to Paget.

"Is this it?"

"That, I presume, is the fatal evidence."

But Smollett withered him. "Do you mean to say my wife has been to see you?"

"Yes."

"Where is she now?"

"I prevailed upon her to go home and wait till I had seen you," said the lawyer, chuckling wickedly.

Smollett put on his hat and did not appear in the office again that day, much to the disturbance of certain stocks in which he was known to deal heavily. But in the afternoon he was seen driving with his wife in the park, and later they occupied a box at the theater.

Paget dropped in on him a day or two later.

"Has the divorce been settled out of court?" he asked.

"Now, I suppose you think you're smart, don't you?" returned Smollett.

"Well, I'm always glad when I can bring families together instead of separating them if there isn't any money in it for me," said Charlie sanctimoniously.

"Huh!" grunted Smollett.

"And in this case the evidence was so dead against you any woman could have made a perfectly clear brief out of it"—

"Oh, I don't suppose you will be satisfied till you know it all," growled Smollett. "That lock of hair was"—

"Yes?" said Charlie, with interest.

"Was Lydia's. Her hair has grown a good bit darker than it was when she was a child of [illegible]. Her father gave me that lock, and I've carried it well, a good many years. Now are you satisfied?"

"Ye-es," said the lawyer slowly. "[illegible] was Lydia?"

And then he [illegible] life to tell the rest of [illegible] detection in the character of [illegible] Lothario."

Eccentrics Furnish Mankind Variety

If we were all cast in the same mold with characters, aspirations, [illegible] and features alike it might be [illegible] lent in some ways. We [illegible] then be spared the efforts we [illegible] days have to make to understand [illegible] immediate nature and purposes [illegible] fellow men. But, dear me, what [illegible] ly dull place the world would [illegible] does not need much thought [illegible] one to the conclusion that in [illegible] spects the originals or eccentrics of mankind are like leaven to the rest of the world.—Exchange.

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TURKEY is in danger of being carved and divided among her creditors.

ANARCHISTS have attempted the life of the Pope. Where will this order of assassins draw the line?

IN spite of living faster all the time the American is living longer than his neighbors according to longevity reports.

M. CONSTANS, French Ambassador to Turkey, has withdrawn and a war between the two nations is a possibility.

SENATOR TILLMAN got a hot cinder in his good eye on Monday and his friends fear that he may be left totally blind.

A BIG strike is threatened on September 1. The National Association of Brewers threaten a lockout against the Brewery Workmen's Union. It is estimated that 20,000 union workmen will be locked out on the above date.

HENRY NOLES, a negro, was burned at the stake near Winchester, Tenn., on Sunday last for criminally assaulting and shooting to death on Friday last, Mrs. Charles Williams. The negro admitted his guilt before being put to death.

GEN. FABIUS J. MEAD, a veteran of the civil war and the friend of Grant, Logan and McClellan, died of consumption at his home in Chicago Monday night. Gen. Mead was born in Raleigh, N. C., and was 62 years of age.

IN a report to his Government a British consul who has made a careful study of the beet-sugar industry in the United States says that in a short time Americans will be able to produce from beets the $100,000,000 worth of sugar which is now annually imported.

"YOU Republicans make me tired," said a Democratic business man to an Era reporter. "In your platform you denounce the advertiser's right to control in part, the utterances of the newspaper that he patronizes. I suppose that if the platform is endorsed at the next election you reformers will pass a law preventing advertisers from doing as John Wanamaker does. You may even go so far as to enact a law to prevent people from inserting page ads in weak-minded or easily influenced papers. I maintain that the advertiser is the main support of the papers of this broad land and that they have a constitutional right to exert their pull with the publishers."

Pet Animals.

It has sometimes been argued that the keeping of pet animals is one way to develop the humane instincts of people in general. Like other practices, however, this one is good only when it is not abused, as it frequently is. When one considers the number of miserable little beasts yearly trapped, captured and bred in cages for the amusement of mankind it seems as if some better method of amusement might be devised.

Of course, there are people who make friends and companions of their pets, and although nobody can be absolutely certain about animal psychology, it may be that the dog, horse or bird derives an amount of pleasure from contact with the superior mind which more than repays the loss of freedom. In the case of a highly bred dog or a saddle horse it is almost certain that this is so. But these are in the minority when the whole number of domesticated animals is considered.

In the first place, it is certainly cruelty to take a wild creature out of its natural environment and place it in a cage where it can have little exercise, no natural companionship, and often no suitable food. It is entirely possible for people living in a country town or small village to tame squirrels, birds and other wild things without in the least interfering with their freedom, if they choose to use a little patience. Most wild animals will come where they are not afraid of being hurt. The red squirrel can be coaxed to come from his hole and eat corn from the hand of a human being, and birds of all kinds are easily tamed in the same way. One who has once enjoyed the delight of winning the confidence of the wood-folk will never again wish to keep any of them in a cage.

The animal which is bred for the purpose of domestication, like the lap dog, the Persian cat, the white mouse, or the canary, is usually inferior in intelligence to the wild animal, for the very good reason that it does not need as much brains to be fed, petted and put to sleep as to get one's living in the midst of a throng of enemies. There are two ways, however, in which the keeping of these animals can be made really beneficial to children and adults; one is by making companions of them, developing all the intelligence they have, and the other is by choosing pets of a sort whose intelligence is already considerable. Children should be encouraged to be kind to their pets and to make friends with them, and this cannot be done unless there is intelligence on the other side. If the comfort and well being of the animal is studied it will be good for the master as well as the pet, for altruism generally works in that way, but candor will compel most people to admit that nothing of the kind is usually done.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON Aug. 26, 1901.

In the effort to make political capital out of the Schley Court of Inquiry much rot of the most ridiculous sort is being daily sent from Washington, and the correspondents whose papers demand sensational matter are aiding without caring anything about partisan politics. There is no politics in the case. Many of Admiral Schley's strongest and outspoken partisans are Republicans of national importance. There is only one question to be settled by the court, and that is whether Schley performed his duty during the naval campaign against Spain as he should have done. A great rumpus was kicked up because Acting Secretary Hackett referred Schley's request as to Rear Admiral Howison's responsibility for a newspaper interview to the court, instead of to Howison, and he was charged with having been actuated by animosity toward Schley. As a matter of cold, hard fact, he only followed rule and precedent. That Mr. Hackett had not been actuated by animosity toward Schley in any of the preliminary work of the Court of Inquiry was shown when he requested Judge Advocate Lemly to cut his vacation short and return to Washington, in order that Admiral Schley's counsel might be furnished with a list of the Navy Department witnesses which they asked for last week and which it is the duty of Capt. Lemly to prepare. They will receive the list early this week.

There will be nothing ornamental about the room in which the Schley Court of Inquiry will hold its sittings except possibly a few draped flags. It is the second floor of the new gunners work shop, just finished in the Washington Navy yard. It is a large room, about 50x200 feet, with bare brick walls and will be used as a workshop as soon as the court gets through with it. In one corner a small room will be partitioned off for the court to use when it desires to go into executive session, and in another corner telegraph instruments will be put in for the use of the newspaper correspondents. About half the space will have chairs for the spectators, who will be admitted by card. This will be a mere formality, as the cards will be easily obtained.

According to Mr. B. D. Nortoni, a Missouri lawyer now visiting Washington, the anti Bryan Democrats have obtained control of the party machinery in that state—to quote his own words: "The Gold Democrats have secured control of the party machinery in our state, encouraged undoubtedly by the attitude of Governor Dockery, and they will swing things against Bryan when the proper time comes."

That business in the Philippines is improving by jumps and bounds is shown by a comparative statement of imports and exports, issued by the War Department, for two periods of seven months, ending January 31, 1901, and January 31, 1900. Exclusive of United States quartermaster supplies the figures show an increase of 42 per cent., almost double, in the imports of the island, and of 52 per cent., more than double, in the exports. The United States did not get as much of this business as it should, but the increase in our sale to the island was 68 per cent. There was a slight falling off in the value of what the island sold the United States. It must be remembered, however, that our trade with the islands is comparatively new. All of the old established business houses on the islands have either European or Asiatic connections, and the people have got to be educated up to the advantage of using American goods and of selling their products through houses with American connections. The wedges are in and it will be strange, indeed, if within a few years we do not control the bulk of the Philippine trade.

There was no surprise in the Treasury Department when a telegram was received saying that W. F. Hoey, collector of customs of Nogales, Ariz., and his entire force of clerks had been arrested for smuggling Chinese from Mexico into the United States. The surprise came some time ago, when the suspicion that the collector was guilty of the smuggling was first reported. Since then the arrests have been constantly expected. Mr. Hoey came from Muncie, Ind., and when he was appointed, about a year and a half ago, Secretary Gage cautioned him to avoid all temptations to wrong doing, because irregularities had caused his predecessor's removal. The collector's office at Nogales will be in charge of a special agent of the Treasury until a new collector is appointed, which will probably not be until after President McKinley returns to Washington.

Secretary Root has returned from his vacation and resumed his duties. He found everything moving smoothly in the War Department, Col. Sanger having proved a most efficient acting secretary. There is no truth in the sensational publication alleging that important original dispatches relating to the Cuban campaign and which will have a bearing on the Schley Inquiry were missing from the files of the Department.

Secretary Hay, who made a flying visit to Canton last week, says that both the President and Mrs. McKinley were looking unusually well and were enjoying their quiet stay among old friends and neighbors. Secretary Hay will rejoin his family in New Hampshire and remain there until cool weather.

Reduced Rates to Cleveland.

On account of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, September 10 to 14, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Cleveland from stations on its line, at greatly reduced rates.

Tickets will be sold and good going September 8 to 12, inclusive; good to return until September 15, inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Cleveland, prior to noon of September 15, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to October 8, inclusive.

For specific rates and further information apply to ticket agents.

"Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a running off of the bowels and sickness of the stomach," says O. P. M. Holliday of Deming, Ind. "His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house and gave him four drops in a teaspoonful of water and he got better at once." Sold by H. C. Wells.

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Republican Party Platform.

The Republican party of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, makes the following declaration of purposes and principles on which it invites the support of the people of our Commonwealth:

In 1896, near the close of the last Democratic administration, the business interests of the country were prostrated, capital remained uninvested and labor was idle and unproductive. The election of McKinley revived our languishing industries and started the Nation on an era of prosperity such as it never knew before. We congratulate the American people on the good sense shown in the re-election of President McKinley. His administration has met every question with which it has been confronted in a wise, patriotic and statesmanlike manner. In all the vexed questions growing out of the war with Spain our national administration has shown itself entirely capable and worthy of the greatest public confidence. Under this administration great armies and navies were raised, our flag was carried in honor and triumph to distant parts of the world, and our supremacy on land and sea sustained, until now we are recognized as one of the greatest world powers.

We congratulate the people of Pennsylvania on the splendid prosperity which they now enjoy. The farmer, the mechanic, the laborer and the professional man all either have or may have remunerative employment. We regret that under such prosperous conditions contests should arise between capital and labor, but we hope and believe that these disputes will be finally settled on an equitable basis that will do full justice to the contending parties. The right of capital to make proper and legal combinations has been recognized by legislative enactments in many of the States, and this carries with it the right of labor to organize in proper and legal ways for its protection and advantage; but neither capital nor labor has the right to resort to violence or illegal methods to redress wrongs or obtain rights. The spirit of mediation and concession should prevail in all disputes between capital and labor.

We congratulate the Republicans of Pennsylvania that there is no longer any division in the Republican party; that harmony has been restored; that respect for the will of the majority prevails, and that we present a united front arrayed only against the common enemy, the Democratic party. Our past troubles and dissensions are forgotten in the determination to stand firmly together in the future. Factional disputes only benefit the Democratic party, and our purposes and actions should be to avoid all cause of dissension.

YELLOW JOURNALISM DENOUNCED.

We are amused, rather than concerned, by the declarations of the late Democratic State Convention, for we readily recognize, as all people must, the co-operation of certain newspapers in their preparation, which papers, failing in their attempt to disrupt the Republican party, have crawled under the tents of the Democracy with their stale and false charges and succeeded in having them adopted as a Democratic platform. The platform of the Democratic State Convention will be found in the files of the so-called yellow journals during the past few months. We believe in surrounding the press with every constitutional guarantee vouchsafed to it since the foundation of our government, but it is a public menace that these constitutional guarantees should be so misused as to have permitted many of our newspapers to have degenerated into a yellow journalism such as is detrimental to any State or country. We charge the so called yellow journals with being subsidized by the full page advertisements which they carry. The advertiser is permitted to dictate their policy and at his behest these newspapers have perverted the news columns and the editorial page from being an honest record of daily events to a labored attempt to misrepresent facts.

DEMOCRACY ARRAIGNED.

We arraign the Democratic party as incompetent, incapable, insincere and untrustworthy. The citizens of our State, within a very few days, have witnessed a spectacle seldom seen in the history of a political party asking the suffrage of the people. The Democratic party, ashamed of its record in the past and afraid to name a single issue of a national character on which it is willing to appeal for support, asks the people to forget that in the past, when entrusted with the administration of public affairs, it has ruined our business enterprises, shut down our mills, closed our factories, put in idleness our great laboring classes, ruined the credit of the State and Nation, and now appeals to the public on what it chooses to call local issues. We condemn it in the administration of our State affairs as much as in the incompetency shown in its administration of our national affairs. When the Democracy went out of power in our State it left the Republican party a legacy of about forty million dollars in debt. This debt, by wise administration under Republican rule, has been almost entirely paid. We have increased the appropriations to the common schools until we stand at the head of American States in support of popular education. Under the Republican administration there has been appropriated each year for educational purposes more than was appropriated by the Democratic party in their quarter of a century of misrule. We have increased our appropriations to charitable and eleemosynary institutions until we can make the boast that no State between the two oceans supports these institutions as well as does our own. Our seven millions of people are industrious, honest, law abiding and happy, yet surrounded as we are on every side with prosperous business conditions, with people happy, employed and contented, with every avenue of business and trade fully occupied and with the prospect of the future brightening and growing more hopeful, the old historic party of obstruction and negation sets up a hysterical cry of false pretenses, hypocrisy and insincerity, for the purpose of misleading the people and regaining lost power.

PRAISE FOR GOVERNOR STONE.

We commend the wise, patriotic courageous and statesmanlike administration of Governor William A. Stone. He inherited from the preceding administration a deficit of more than three million dollars in the State Treasury, but by his courage in reducing extravagant appropriations, by compelling the collection of delinquent taxes and by administering every department of the State Government on an economic basis this deficit has been wiped out, the floating debt of the State has all been paid, the public institutions receive their money as soon as it is due and payable and the school appropriations are paid more promptly than ever before and the credit of the Commonwealth is fully restored.

We heartily commend and indorse the wise and beneficent laws enacted by the late Legislature and firmly believe that as the people of the State investigate and consider the many important acts passed by that body they will cordially approve of its labors.

We are deeply sensible of the great debt which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania owes to its representatives in the United States Senate—Hon. M. S. Quay and Hon. Boies Penrose—for the watchful care which they have ever given to the interests of the State, its material enterprises and the welfare of its citizens.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

Amendment One to Article Eight, Section One.

Add at the end of the first paragraph of said section, after the words "shall be entitled to vote at all elections," the words "subject however to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact," so that the said section shall read as follows:

Section 1. Qualifications of Electors. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject however to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:

1. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.
2. He shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native born citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months,) immediately preceding the election.
3. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.
4. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election.

Amendment Two to Article Eight, Section Seven.

Strike out from said section the words "but no elector shall be deprived of the privilege of voting by reason of his name not being registered," and add to said section the following words, "but laws regulating and requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only, provided that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class," so that the said section shall read as follows:

Section 7. Uniformity of Election Laws. All laws regulating the holding of elections by the citizens or for the registration of electors shall be uniform throughout the State, but laws regulating and requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only, provided that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class.

A true copy of the Joint Resolution.
W. W. GRIEST,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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Amendment.

Strike out section four of article eight, and insert in place thereof as follows:

Section 4. All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law: Provided, That secrecy in voting be preserved.

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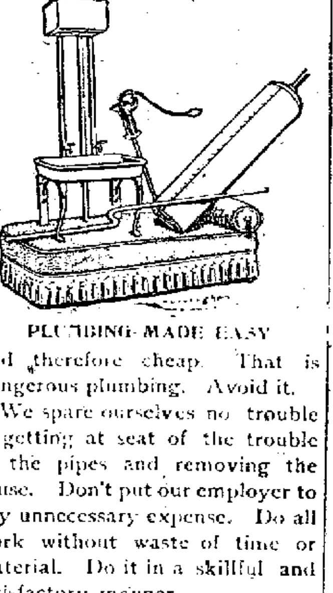

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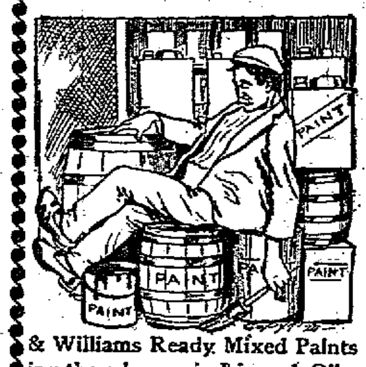

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Smethport, Thursday, Aug. 29, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—The Smethport schools will open Monday, Sept. 9.

—Read Wm. Monheimer's new ad on second page this week.

—Mrs. A. E. Hinman is advertising millinery at cost this week.

—The Hames Flint Bottle works will commence operations September 5th.

—A lively fight Monday evening carried some little excitement on Main street.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shillenn have moved into the Mason house on Union street.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McCandless entertained a few friends last Thursday evening.

—McCoy's Drug Store ad calls attention to a large line of combs this week. Read it sure.

—See new ad of Eldred Cycle & Supply Co. in another column. Their goods are always right.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge have moved into the county house this side of the poor farm.

—A number of Smethport people attended the ball game at Port Allegany on Sunday last.

—Charles Usher and family are pleasantly located in the flat over H. W. Rubin & Co.'s store.

—Labor Day will be celebrated in grand style at Bradford next Monday. See ad in another column.

—Make arrangements to attend the Grange basket picnic at Farmers Valley on Wednesday of next week.

—About 20 young people of this place drove to Farmers Valley Tuesday evening where they enjoyed a dance until a late hour.

—A beer war is on in Bradford and that beverage has taken a great drop in price. Beer is now sold as low as 50 cents per case.

—A New Jersey couple, who have been married and lived together sixty-six years, claim to have never had a quarrel. If there are any in this section who can trim this let us hear from them.

—Company C, 16th regiment, of Bradford won the competitive drill of that regiment held at Camp Perchmont on Thursday of last week.

—H. W. Rubin & Co. advertise boys' school suits in their ad this week. Read what they have to say before fitting your boy out for the school term.

—McKean Bros. have commenced clearing away the debris preparatory to erecting a new mill on the site of the one destroyed by fire last week.

—John Nelson, a farmer, living in the vicinity of Ludlow, had two cows struck by lightning during the heavy shower on Friday last.—Kane Republican.

—Next Sunday evening the hour of service at the Methodist church will be at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock; the morning service being at the usual hour, 10:30.

—Principal Davis of the Clarion State Normal school has secured positions this year for recent graduates of that school at salaries ranging from $350 to $1,000 a year.

—By referring to our Travelers Guide column it will be noticed that some small changes have been made in the time on the Shawmut and Kushequa railroads.

—Through the kindness of F. M. Shattuck and wife the trustees of people's church of Olean presented the union church of East Smethport with a nice oak pulpit.

—Remember that Saturday is the last day you can receive the benefit of our big discount on back subscriptions to the MINER. Don't ask for those reductions after that date.

—Fire was discovered in the Wagner block, Bradford, Monday afternoon in a work room over Pitt's shoe store. Prompt work of the firemen held a loss, which might have reached the $100,000 mark, down to about $2,000.

—Services at St. Luke's church on next Sunday at 10 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7 p. m. and at All Saints', East Smethport, at 2:30 p. m. Harry Row Shelley's fine anthem, "Hark, Hark My Soul," will be sung at the evening service.

—The editor of the Ladies' Home Journal says every young man should read a good daily newspaper. He should select that paper which stands for honesty in its news and the highest purposes in its editorial expression. One paper is sufficient, but let it be the best.

—We received a very interesting communication this morning. Owing to the fact that no name was signed it was given a good position in the waste basket.

—Mrs. J. Lee died of dropsy at her home in Bingham on Tuesday aged 52 years. She is survived by a husband, three sons and two daughters. The remains were taken to Warren where the funeral will be held to-morrow.

—Tom Young had his left arm badly bruised on Sunday last while watching the ball game at Port Allegany. He was on first base line when Keeler hit a line foul which struck the "Old Hoss" before he had a chance to dodge.

—Judge Morrison is in Bradford hearing arguments in the case of the city of Bradford vs. the Pennsylvania and New York Telephone and Telegraph company. The hearing was commenced Tuesday and will probably not be finished before to-night.

—At a meeting of the directors of the Kane base ball club Monday evening H. E. Tull of this place was engaged as manager of that club for the balance of the season. Now we shall expect to hear in the near future that Kane has won a ball game.

—Miss Maude Coleman Woods of Charlottsville, Va., is dead. Miss Woods was pronounced the most beautiful woman in America by a committee from the Pan-American exposition and her profile adorns all of the medals issued by the board of awards.

—We understand that some people in this section are in the habit of killing game for sale. This is illegal and there is a heavy penalty for conviction. This fall these suspected parties will be watched and arrested on their first offense and an example will be made of them.

—At a meeting of the Smethport Gun Club Tuesday evening the membership fee was placed at $3 and regular practice days will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. The new trap and shooting house are completed and everything is in order for shooting. Several of the nearby towns have been challenged.

—Capt. Lester Simons has received notice from the War Department to report to Major General John R. Brooke at Governor's Island, New York, to take the examination for a commission in the regular army. Mr. Simons will probably forego the pleasure of additional experience in the army service.—Bradford Era.

—In another column will be found the announcement of the opening of Mary L. Bissett's new 5 and 10 cent store in the Rubin block, which will occur on Saturday of this week. Mrs. Bissett has an excellent line of goods for her new store and all should call and look over her new stock. Many articles which usually sell for a much higher price can be found on her counters and her assortment is unusually large.

—George Schoonmaker of East Smethport was adjudged insane on Friday last and on Saturday he was taken to the Warren asylum for treatment. Brooding over religion is the cause of his insanity. During the last twelve or fifteen years he has been a follower of and worker in nearly every denomination of religion, and for a long time he has been considered of unsound mind but not until recently was it considered necessary to place him in confinement.

—Earl, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. P. Butts, was seriously bitten in the face by a dog at the home of Ira Lucas on Marvin creek Saturday afternoon. The boy was playing in the yard when the dog, a large shepherd belonging to Mr. Lucas, attacked him. The brute made several ugly wounds in the boy's cheek and forehead, which were dressed by a physician. The boy is doing well and his injury is not considered dangerous.

—The new Episcopal church at Kane will be opened for services on Thursday, Sept. 5th. Bishop Whitehead and a number of the clergy and choirs of neighboring parishes will be present. The services on Sept. 5th will be at 7:30 and 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. A special train will leave Kane for Smethport after the evening services. Orders for round trip tickets at 95 cents can be had from members of St. Luke's choir or at McCoy's drug store.

—The glassworkers went over to Port Allegany Sunday and played a game of ball with the first nine of that place, and brought home a bunch of scalps by a score of 10 to 3. The glass boys complain of the treatment received at the hands of the Port Allegany club. The Port boys refused to pay the expenses of the visitors and only allowed them what they could get by passing the hat among a very "tight" crowd. It is claimed there were 500 spectators present and a little over seven dollars was all the crowd would contribute.

—W. L. Hamilton and R. W. Hilton have sold their Smethport window glass factory to a stock company made up of Smethport citizens. The deal was closed on Saturday and the transfer of deeds and delivery of possession will be made to-day. It is understood that the new company is composed of members of the Camp Glass Co. and other prominent business men of this place. As near as can be learned the factory will run under the new L. A. 300 scale and no radical changes from the plans of the former owners will be made this year.

—Gilbert D. Metcalf, a pumper, was found in an unconscious condition near the B., R. & P. railroad tracks, south of Riverside, Saturday evening. It is supposed that he was walking upon the railroad track from the lease to Riverside station when a train struck him, hurling him into the ditch alongside of the track. His skull was fractured at the base of the brain and several contusions were found upon his body. He was taken to the hospital in Bradford where he died Sunday He was 55 years of age and had lived in Bradford for a number of years. Besides a widow, he leaves to mourn his death, three daughters.

—About three o'clock this Thursday morning, inmates of the Thompson House, conducted by John Heckman, were awakened by smoke pouring into certain apartments of the hotel, and soon the place was one of unusual activity. Investigation proved that the fire was beneath the front door and had gained considerable headway. After tearing away some of the flooring and siding the flames were finally extinguished. There is no doubt of the fire being of incendiary origin as a quantity of kerosene oil had been poured over the timbers.—Potter Enterprise.

—Owing to alleged inattention to the business of the office, Postmaster Metcalf at Austin has been removed and Frank E. Baldwin, a young attorney of that town, has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Baldwin is well known in this county, being a son of John E. Baldwin of Duke Centre, an oil producer and a prominent G. A. R. veteran. Frank Baldwin is a very intelligent young man and has lots of push in his makeup. He will make an acceptable postmaster for Austin.—Kane Republican. Mr. Baldwin was formerly a resident of this place, where he has many friends who are gratified to learn of his appointment.

Carrie Nation on The Midway.

Carrie Nation visited the Pan American Exposition recently. On seeing the coochie dance she exclaimed: "Grand, grand! American women cannot dance that way. They wear too many corsets and they lace. These women have cultivated the grace God gave them. They are beautiful. I never saw the like before."

When the dancers were about through Mrs. Nation expressed a desire to go upon the stage, and she was led up, says the Bradford Era. She was introduced to the audience, a large one, and then commenced to use her hammer again. While she commended the grace and training of the dancers she regretted that her sisters exhibited them in public. She thought they were debased, low, vile and unchristian.

Another dancer was produced and Mrs. Nation then deliberately took a seat on the throne beside La Belle Rosa and next to Fatima. She chatted with them hurriedly, and was intent on remaining there the rest of the evening, when her manager, Mr. Furlong, after beckoning to her in vain, went upon the stage and deliberately dragged her down. Out in the area way she was placed on a camel and with the owner of the show, Gaston Akoun, rode about the street, thousands following her and shouting.

Mr. Furlong could not get her down, and finally got into a fight with the Egyptian who was leading the beast. He said he could not make the animal, which was named Holy Moses, kneel. Capt. Vallely and Detectives Dundon and Morrisey, with a dozen or more policemen, then forced the Oriental to lead the camel back to the mat, but not until the saloon masher had been led outside where she served as an excellent advertisement for the show.

Carrie created a sensation at the Midway and elsewhere, pulled cigarettes from boys' lips, talked temperance and made scenes. She was delighted because of the attention she received.

A "Stub" Run.

The ways of the law are peculiar, says the Era. For two years a narrow gauge engine and passenger coach have made daily trips between Bradford and East Bradford—formerly Tarport, and during that time but one passenger has been carried on the train who has paid for the privilege. He did it as a joke. The fare for the round trip was 10 cents. This train has its running time printed on the official schedule. It makes two trips on week days, but does not run on Sundays It stands on a side track just below Main street crossing and steam is kept up in the locomotive constantly—not very much but enough to save starting a new fire every time a "run" is made. The purpose of this "limited" passenger train is to hold the right of way which was granted to the old W. N. Y. & P. when that road was a narrow gauge. The company had not provided, in the original arrangements, for a possible broad gauge and when the road was made wider there was a law case. The decision was to the effect that in order to hold the right-of-way into Bradford the company should have a narrow gauge train in operation. Hence the dummy train.

Railway men have considerable sport about the "limited," and Bill Furlong and Bill Webb, enginemen, and L. J. Maxwell, conductor, who form the crew, are very attentive to their duties. Through long service they have become accustomed to the run and they fail to see why there should be any humor in it.

"They know every inch of the route," said Col. Murphy yesterday, "and never fail to put 'er through on time." It is understood that the Velvet Club will take an excursion trip on the train in the near future, but the details of this have not yet been worked out.

The Pennsylvania system runs a vast multitude of trains but this is the oddest of the whole bunch.

A Novel Dinner.

A most enjoyable affair in the way of a Progressive Dinner, consisting of eight courses, at as many different houses, was participated in by a number of our young people on Wednesday evening. The party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gallup, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Herzog, Mr. and Mrs. Orlo J. Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Olmsted, Mrs. Edward F. Albert, Mrs. Mott Peters of Buffalo, Miss Edna Keenan, Miss May Choate, Miss Orra King and Mr. W. S. Palmer.

They assembled at Miss May Choate's on King street, where the first course was served at 6 o'clock. Miss Choate presented each one with a paper cap which was worn throughout the entire dinner. From there the party wended their way to the home of Miss Edna Keenan and partook of the second course. The fish course was then served at Miss King's and the sherbet at Mrs. F. D. Gallup's. Mrs. W. O. Hamlin was the next hostess, the meat course being served there. After her came Mrs. S. E. Bell, followed by Mrs. Frank Olmsted, who served the desert. Mrs. E. R. Baker's was the last place visited, the course there consisting of coffee and confectionery, together with cigars for the gentlemen.

It was nearly ten o'clock when the eighth and last course was finished. Altogether it was a most delightful affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be included in the party.

Supposed Suicide.

A telephone message informed the Bradford Era of the finding of a man's clothing on the shore of the Allegheny river at East Olean Monday afternoon. The clothing was identified as that of a man named Peter Salsburg. Salsburg had been seen on Sunday morning on Union street in that city and had with him a rope. Nothing was seen of him thereafter, so far as can be ascertained, and it is presumed that he went to the river and drowned himself. The body has not been found. The river is high at present, owing to the recent rains and the suicide's remains were probably carried down stream some distance. Nothing has been learned in regard to the case since.

Sunday Excursion to Bradford and Rock City.

Every Sunday during August and September the B, B & K. Ry. will sell tickets from Smethport to Bradford and return at 75 cents, and to Rock City and return $1 each. Train leaves Smethport at 8:30 a. m. Returning, train arrives at Smethport at 6:30 p. m.

The teachers of the Edinboro State Normal are all specialists, consequently the instruction is of the best. We offer you free tuition. Write for particulars. Fall term opens September 16th.
JOHN F. BIGLER, Principal.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

A. J. Gilfillan is in Buffalo this week

Miss Marie Jackson visited at Warren yesterday.

Chas. McKean had business in Bradford Tuesday.

Samuel Barnes of Hazelhurst was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerns returned from the Pan-Am.

Chas. Bosworth of Brooklyn is visiting friends in town.

Henry Torrence is taking in the sights at Buffalo this week.

W. P. Butts of Clermont was in town the first of the week.

Miss Carrie Servatius has returned from a visit to Buffalo.

Chas. B. Johnson of Warren had business in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sasse left Tuesday for a visit at the Pan-Am.

Byron Badger left Saturday for a ten days' visit at the Pan-Am.

Attorney E. E. Tait of Bradford had business in town Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Pancoast is the guest of relatives in Batavia, N. Y.

Scott F. Redfield and J. L. Morrison visited Bradford Saturday.

Miss Louise Wright of Renovo is visiting the family of B. F. Wright.

Mrs. A. W. Colegrove and daughter, Ellanora, are Pan-Am. visitors.

George Richards of Hazelhurst was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Conley returned Saturday from a visit at the Pan-Am.

Mrs. Nina Rumsey and Miss Ida Bennett left Tuesday for a visit to the Pan-Am.

Sheridan Gorton and son, MacArthur, returned Saturday from a visit to the Pan-Am.

Lewis Pearson and Albert Anderson left Saturday for a week at Lake Erie and Buffalo

A. S. Moorehouse, J. G. Todd, Thos. Camp and Scott Walker drove to Bradford Tuesday

Gerald and Julia McGee of Norwich are visiting their cousin, Miss Ethel Evans, this week.

The Misses Mary and Ella Welch of Belfast, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Welch.

Miss Rachel McCarty returned Monday from a three weeks visit with friends in Bradford.

Miss Ada V. Hewitt has returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hempel and daughter, Ruth, are taking in the sights at the Pan-Am. and Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hungiville and daughter, Margaret, Mrs. F. H. Purtle and son, Frank, left Tuesday for a visit to the Pan-Am.

Mrs. Angie L. Rifle of Lima, Ohio, is visiting friends in Smethport and vicinity. Mrs. Rifle contemplates spending the winter in California.

Lawrence Herzog returned from Buffalo Monday somewhat improved. He was at the hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKean and Mrs. Walter Williams returned Monday from an extended visit in Canada and Buffalo.

Mrs. Cora McKendrick of Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Maxon of Chicago were the guests of Mrs. McKendrick's son on Cemetery street, Sunday

Guy McCoy returned home last night from a four weeks' outing in Canada and at the Pan-Am. He was accompanied by a beautiful little bunch of spinach which was very much attached to his chin.

Most Supreme Congenial Frog Judge Isaac S. Reynolds of the Low Lands adjacent to East Smethport is a guest of the lesser frogs who are camped on the banks of the Niagara river, and enjoying access to the artificial lakes of the Pan-American Exposition

Correspondence.

TURTLE POINT

Miss Clara M. Taylor, who has been visiting relatives in Chicago for several weeks, returned to Buffalo two weeks ago, where she was met by her sister, Hattie, and together they visited the Pan-American and Niagara Falls. Both returned home last Friday night pleased with their trip.

John O'Brien of Pine Grove is able to be out again after a long siege of pneumonia. He passed through here last Sunday on his way to the Catholic church up Newell creek.

The Catholic dance in the K. O. T. M. hall here last Friday night was well attended, in spite of the rainy weather and muddy roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker of Port Allegany passed through here Sunday evening on their way to Rock Run.

Our school opens Monday, September 1st, with Kate Brennan of Phalin as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor and children visited relatives in Larabee last Sunday.

Mrs. Wedell of Rock Run, who has been quite sick is some better now.

Ira L. Taylor had business in Port Allegany last Saturday.

Miss Nellie Campbell of Austin is visiting friends in town.

Good Advice.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects; such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

Sunday Rates and Special Train via B., B. & K. Ry.

Every Sunday during August and September the B., B. & K. Ry. will run a special train for Kane and Kinzua Bridge and intermediate stations, leaving Smethport at 11 a. m. Returning, arrive at Smethport at 6:30 p. m. Fare to Kinzua Bridge 40c, Mt. Jewett 45c, Kane 95c.

For Sale.

A good heavy work horse, a one horse wagon, one set of bob sleighs, two single harnesses, a top buggy and cutter. Also a number of good second hand stoves. For particulars inquire of
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CHARTER NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the 26th day of September A. D. 1901 by H. M. Breston, John B. Cable, W. S. Hoskins, C. E. Hazelton, F. M. Knapp and others, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of Natural Gas Companies," Approved May 29, 1885, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Valley Gas Company," the character and object of which is engaging in and carrying on the business of operating for gas, buying, selling, transporting, storing, supplying and furnishing gas by meter and otherwise to individuals, firms and corporations for heat or light or both or other purposes, in the Counties of McKean and Warren, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly, and the supplements thereto.

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Just in time for the boys who must soon be fitted out with

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We have provided for all the school boys' Clothing, Shoes and Furnishing wants. If your boy needs any school fixings bring him in as we shall offer special inducements till September 9th 1901, in

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Bring the boy here and see what we can do to please him, and to save money for you. WE NOW HAVE ON SALE 50 BOYS' ALL WOOL SUITS, SIZES FROM 5 TO 12 THAT ARE GOING AT $1.00 EACH.

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THE ONE PRICE
MERCHANT TAILORS. CLOTHIERS & FURNISHERS.

If you contemplate buying a stove, be it wood, coal or gas, for heating or cooking, we have it and less than the lowest city prices, too. Let us convince you.

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All Goods were purchased from one of the leading New York houses and are the latest things in this line

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We commence a special sale to-day of all our Spring and Summer

Suits and Pantaloons.

You know what this means when we advertise a sale of this kind. It is an immense saving to all those who are going to buy Clothing.

Suits that were $10 now go for $7.00
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Suits that were 15 now go for 10.00
Suits that were 18 now go for 12.50
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These excellent bargains will prevail throughout our Pantaloon Department, also Boys' and Children's. We will give you the same careful attention at this big money-saving sale as if you paid the regular prices. All goods sold that are advertised will be spot cash. We positively will not charge during this sale.

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A smooth even yarn in beautiful shades, put up 12 skeins to the box.
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This week we place on sale a very excellent line of cotton fleeced flannels, in Dots, Stripes and Persians patterns.

These goods are especially designed for Waists, Dressing Sacques, Wrappers and Children's Dresses.

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And for the next few weeks will be fussing with the masons and carpenters and to get as much of our stock as possible out of the dirt, we will, commencing

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Attend the Labor Day celebration at Bradford, Monday.

—The Kushequa Railroad company is grading through the pond for its extension to the Pennsylvania line at East Smethport.

—There will be an ice cream social for for benefit of the East Smethport union church Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at the church. All are invited.

—Letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending Aug. 24, 1901: Leonard Coen, Miss Anna Dahlstrom, Mr. John Hardie, Mr. Jno. Holland, Mattie McKenna, Andy Peterson, Miss Hazel Bell Shur 2, Mr. N. H. Smith.

—Peter S. McNally will attempt to swim from Boston to New York, making the start next Sunday, the entire distance to be covered within thirty days. The actual distance is 282¾ nautical miles, but the swimming course will be very little less than 400 miles.

—At a special election held at Coudersport recently it was decided to bond the borough for the municipal ownership of a water plant. It was a close fight and was only carried by one majority. Probably one of the water plants of that place will be purchased by the borough authorities.

—The new Episcopal church at Kane has been completed and on next Thursday, September 5th, it will be dedicated by Bishop Whitehead of Pittsburg. The music for the service will be rendered by the combined choirs of the Episcopal churches of Kane, Mt. Jewett, Smethport and Bradford.

—The Olean Pedestrian Club will take their annual walk to Bradford September 29th and will line up about 20 of their swiftest walkers. The start will be made from the city building at 4 o'clock in the morning and the club will be banquetted on their arrival in Bradford. Col. Foote of Kane, and Col. "Mel" Gillette of Smethport, it is expected, will join the party.—Olean Herald.

—Married, at Olean, August 21, at the residence of Rev. Mr. Harvey, Mr. James N. Hackett of Smethport to Miss Doris L. Drake of East Sharon. After the happy young couple were made one they departed for Niagara Falls, the Pan-American and other points, returning home Saturday evening, where they met a warm but pleasant reception from their many friends awaiting them.

—A Shingle House correspondent says: There are some wild reports of our town's growth in some of the outside towns; one was that there had already been 200 new dwelling houses erected. The fact of the matter is, there have been only two new dwellings completed so that people could occupy them, but there is ground broken for 12 more, some of them are partly finished and others have just been commenced.

—A press dispatch from Mauch Chunk, Pa., dated Aug. 24, says: A monster dam near this city has burst its banks flooding the streets. It is thought that the flood has carried many persons with it. Four are known to have been drowned and a large number are injured. A heavy rain storm caused the break. The flood did great damage to property. Houses, stores and cellars are inundated and the street car railroad traffic is greatly affected.

—The camera of the amateur photographer is playing an important part in the world of art these days. A delightful phase of its value as a depicter of nature is shown in the Ladies' Home Journal for September. In this issue two pages are given to the last of that magazine's prize photographs of rural scenes, and the collection is a notable one, interesting alike to the picture-taker and the lover of pictures. Some of the scenes have all the distinguishing qualities with the added charm of being true to nature.

—A head end collision occurred Saturday afternoon between two freight trains in the B., R. & P. yards at Bradford in which William McFarland, a fireman, was fatally injured and two locomotives and several cars were badly damaged. McFarland was caught between the tank and the side of the cab and his leg badly crushed. He was taken to the hospital where he died Sunday morning. The deceased was 24 years of age and had been a resident of Bradford for 12 years. He was a popular young man and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He is survived by his widowed mother, two brothers, James and Thomas, and three sisters, Ella, Mary and Anna, all residing in Bradford. It was another case where somebody's error cost a human life.

—It makes no difference how humble he is, when an Italian dies his friends give him a great funeral. The case of Reggio Francesco this morning, is an instance of this. The Italian laborer's body was followed to the grave by 100 countrymen in carriages. The funeral must have cost $150 at the least. This brings to mind a case a few years ago, where the infant child of an Italian shoemaker in this town died. The father after hiring all the carriages at hand wanted to engage the city band. He had witnessed funerals where a band had been used, and he thought it was up to him to pay the same honors to his dead child. He was prevailed upon not to do so by a clergyman. The biggest funerals that occur in Bradford are those of Italian laborers or some members of their families.—Star.

A Minister's Good Work.

"I had a severe attack of bilious colic, got a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, took two doses and was entirely cured," says Rev. A. A. Power of Emporia, Kan. "My neighbor across the street was sick for over a week, had two or three bottles of medicine from the doctor. He used them for three or four days without relief, then called in another doctor who treated him for some days and gave him no relief, so discharged him. I went over to see him the next morning. He said his bowels were in a terrible fix, that they had been running off so long that it was almost bloody flux. I asked him if he had tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and he said, 'No.' I went home and brought him my bottle and gave him one dose: told him to take another dose in fifteen or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was entirely cured." For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

Pennsylvania Railroad Special Rates to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

During the continuance of the Pan American Exposition, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Smethport to Buffalo and Niagara Falls at the following rates:

	Buffalo	Niagara Falls
5 day limit, sold Tuesdays and Saturdays not good in parlor or sleeping cars	$3.00	$3 50
15 day limit, good in parlor or sleeping cars	3.80	4.30
Season, final limit November 30, 1901	4 35	5.15

Additional information may be had upon application to ticket agents.

When you feel that life is hardly worth the candle take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and liver tablets. They will cleanse your stomach, tone up your liver and regulate your bowels making you feel like a new man. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cure biliousness, constipation and headache. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

President's Day at the Pan-American

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL VISIT THE BIG SHOW ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 5---CABINET OFFICIALS AND SUPREME COURT JUDGES TO BE PRESENT.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM M'KINLEY will be the guest of the Pan-American Exposition on Thursday, Sept. 5. The day will be known as President's day. The presidential party, including Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Barbour, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey and Mr. Cortelyou, will go from the President's home at Canton by way of Cleveland, arriving in Buffalo in time to devote the day to the Exposition. The President and his party will be the guests of the Hon. John G. Milburn, president of the Pan-American Exposition Company. The President's Cabinet and the Supreme Court will also attend him while in Buffalo.

At 11 o'clock on the morning of the 5th an escort of United States troops will meet the President's party, the Cabinet and the Supreme Court at President Milburn's house and accompany them to the Exposition, entering at the Lincoln parkway gate, at the southern end of the grounds. Here they will be received by the director general of the Exposition, the Hon. William I. Buchanan, the board of directors and other officers of the Exposition and conducted to a reviewing stand in the Esplanade. All the ceremonies of the day will be within the Exposition grounds. A magnificent pageant will pass in review. From the reviewing stand the President and his party will go to the Stadium, where he will deliver his address. The Stadium will seat some 12,000 people, and a vast concourse will thus have the opportunity of hearing him.

At the conclusion of his address the President will be escorted to the New York State building, where his party, his Cabinet and the members of the Supreme Court and the foreign representatives at the Exposition will be the guests of the New York State board. Luncheon will be served in this building. From the New York State building the President will go to the main Government building, where a reception will be held in the rotunda. This building will be closed to the general public for the time being, admission being by card only. Invitations to meet the President will be issued by the Government board. At the close of this reception the President will be conducted to such buildings as he may desire to see, including a trip to the Electric Tower to view the Exposition from the lofty loggia.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

There has been no time since the opening of the Exposition when a visit to the great show could be more delightful. Everything connected with the enterprise is at the zenith of its glory. Every night the magnificent illumination takes place; the fountains are everywhere active; the floral decorations and the exhibits of flowers are at the height of their perfection; the best of musicians are playing every day in the Temple of Music and in the various band stands; the military camps are alive with troops, which lend their share to the public entertainment by daily drills and parades; the Midway is gay and noisy every day and evening; the crowds are big and every day growing bigger. Indeed, nothing is lacking to make the Exposition complete, and its magnificence can never be adequately described.

In the various exhibit buildings everything is moving with most interesting regularity. The large number of moving exhibits in the 20 or more great structures devoted to exhibits give to these magnificent displays of merchandise a very keen interest. Never was American enterprise more perfectly exploited than here at the Pan-American. The variety is something particularly noteworthy. There is no tedious repetition of exhibits, but what is shown is intended to be and is typical of the particular industry to which it may belong.

One cannot see the Pan-American satisfactorily in a week. He should have at least ten days or two weeks and as much more as he can afford. Those who live continually at the Exposition do not tire of its festivity and grandeur, for every day presents a new programme and a new interest. To participate in this wondrous celebration of a century's achievements in the western world must be accounted by every one who has a proper sense of appreciation as a privilege to be valued beyond price.

Many important days have been announced for observance at the Exposition, among them the following:

Rochester Day, Sept. 7.

Rochester is to have a special day at the Exposition, and Saturday, Sept. 7, has been selected as that day. A train service will be arranged for that date that will comfortably accommodate 25,000 people, and specials will be run over the Central, Erie, Lehigh Valley and West Shore direct to the terminal station at the grounds.

The fare has been cut for that day to $1.15 for the round trip. An elaborate programme will be arranged by the Exposition officials in honor of the Flower City people.

Spanish-American War Veterans, Sept. 9.

The members of the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association are to hold a reunion at the Pan-American Exposition on Monday, Sept. 9, and the day will be known as Spanish-American War Veterans' day. Exercises of a patriotic character will be held in the Temple of Music. Many distinguished officers of the Army and Navy will be present. The music at the Exposition on Spanish War Veterans' day will all be of the patriotic order, and there will be dress parades and drills by Uncle Sam's fighting men who are at the show. The association has a large membership, and the majority will attend the reunion.

Rhode Island Day, Sept. 10.

Rhode Island's special day at the Pan-American Exposition occurs on Sept. 10, the anniversary of Commodore Perry's great naval victory on Lake Erie. Oliver Hazard Perry was a Rhode Islander, and the memory of his triumph is still green in the patriotic, enterprising and productive little state. There will be a reception in the Rhode Island parlors at the New England building and suitable exercises in the Temple of Music. The orator of the day will be Hon. Henry J. Spooner of Providence, a former member of Congress, a man of national reputation and one of Rhode Island's most eloquent public speakers. Governor Gregory and his staff will be present with an escort, which will include a crack cavalry command from the brigade of Rhode Island militia. State officials and distinguished citizens will accompany the official party. The programme in its details is now being arranged by the Hon. John S. Kenyon, president of the Rhode Island commission, who is heartily seconded by the directorate of the Exposition. A company of Rhode Island infantry will be visitors at the Exposition for the week which includes Rhode Island day, and also a number of famous New England Continental commands, with which, it is not at all unlikely, arrangements will be made for something of a military display in connection with the march to the grounds by Governor Gregory, his staff and military escort, the commission and invited guests.

Florida Day, Sept. 11.

Saturday, Sept. 11, has been set aside as Florida day at the Pan-American Exposition. A large number of Florida people will be present. Governor W. S. Jennings and his staff, escorted by three military companies and two bands from Florida, will enter the grounds at 11 o'clock and proceed to the Temple of Music, where the director general, Hon. William I. Buchanan, will deliver an address of welcome. The Governor—by the way, a first cousin of the Hon. W. Jennings Bryan, whom he is said to resemble—will speak on the resources of Florida. The orator of the day will be Charles Parkhill, Esq., of Pensacola, Fla., one of the finest speakers in the South. The presiding officer will be Colonel Thomas M. Weir of Tampa, special commissioner to the Pan-American Exposition for Florida. Appropriate music will be interspersed.

This programme may be elaborated if the Press Association of Florida, 300 in number, can attend on the date designated, Sept. 11.

Builders' Day, Sept. 11.

The National Association of Builders has arranged with the Pan-American Exposition to have Sept. 11 set apart as Builders' day. The idea in mind is that such a day will be the means of bringing together at the Buffalo Exposition builders from all parts of the country, who would naturally have a special interest in the buildings, as well as the Exposition itself, and who would also find much pleasure through assembling in fraternal fashion.

The National Association does not propose to hold any convention meetings, but advantage will be taken of this gathering to have one social affair, possibly a banquet, to which all builders present on the day indicated will be welcomed.

No attempt will be made to secure reduced rates of transportation especially for this occasion, as reduced rates may be negotiated for from almost every section of the country upon fully as favorable terms as could be arranged under any special plan. Associations and individuals are therefore recommended to make their own rates with their local transportation companies or agencies.

Headquarters will be at the Builders' Association Exchange building, corner Court and Pearl streets, Buffalo.

Polish Day, Sept. 12.

The Polish population in the United States is very large, and the special day at the Pan-American Exposition, Sept. 12, which has been fixed in their honor, will undoubtedly attract many thousands of them. Buffalo is one of the great centers of Polish population, and many Poles are prominently identified with the industrial, business and political interests of the city. They are very active in creating an interest in the special day and are determined to make it one of the great successes of the Exposition.

New Jersey Day, Sept. 13.

New Jersey, one of the proud original States of the Union, has a building among the State and Foreign buildings of the Pan-American Exposition, and her great industries and splendid resources are displayed in a most comprehensive manner in the great exhibition buildings. The people of New Jersey have good reason to feel proud of the showing made by their State at the great New World's Fair, and they will manifest it in a high degree on Friday, Sept. 13, which has been designated as New Jersey day at the Exposition. Distinguished men have been invited to participate in the State day exercises.

Railroad Day, Sept. 14.

The railroad men of the Americas will be much in evidence at the Pan-American Exposition on Saturday, Sept. 14, which has been designated as Railroad day by the Exposition management. The special day will be for railroad men generally, and a large attendance is expected. A programme of exercises is being prepared for the occasion. Officials and employees as far as possible will take the day off and have a good time at the Exposition.

Indiana Day, Sept. 14.

Indiana day at the Pan-American Exposition falls on Sept. 14, the date having been selected with a view to giving the greatest number of people of that State an opportunity to attend, particular consideration having been given to the desires of those engaged in agricultural pursuits. Arrangements will be made for special excursions to the Exposition, where ceremonies will be held for Indiana visitors. The most distinguished men of the great State will participate. It promises to be a day of which Indianians may feel justly proud.

Vassar College Day, Sept. 14.

One of the appointed special days at the Pan-American Exposition which is looked forward to with bright anticipations is Vassar College day, Sept. 14, when the students and alumnae of that famous and popular educational institution will meet for a season of sightseeing. There will be special ceremonies at the Exposition.

Honduras Day, Sept. 15.

Honduras has a handsome building, filled with its products, at the Pan-American Exposition. It is pleasantly situated in the Court of State and Foreign Buildings and is one of the most popular resorts for Exposition visitors. A view of the exhibits is a revelation to those who have not hitherto investigated the resources of the country. Honduras will have a special day at the Exposition, Sunday, Sept. 15, which is the anniversary of Liberty in that country. A programme appropriate to the occasion is being prepared. Many of the chief officials of Honduras will be present.

Best Way to "Break" a Boy.

I had overheard a conversation between Karl and his mother. She had work for him to do which interfered with some of his plans of enjoyment, and, though Karl obeyed her, it was not without a great deal of grumbling. He had much to say about never being allowed to do as he pleased; that it would be time enough for him to settle down to work when he was older. While the sense of injury was strong upon him I came out on the plaza beside him and said:

"Karl, why do you try to break that colt of yours?"

The boy looked up in surprise. "Why, I want him to be good for something."

"But he likes his own way," I objected. "Why shouldn't he have it?"

By this time Karl was staring at me in perplexity. "I'd like to know the good of a horse that always has his own way!" he said, as if rather indignant at my lack of sense.

"And, as for working," I went on, "I should think there was time enough for that when he gets to be an old horse."

"Why, don't you see, if he doesn't learn when he's a colt"— Karl began. Then he stopped, blushed and looked at me rather appealingly. I heard no more complaints from him that day.—Church Record.

The Fan Saves Talking In Japan.

There are many curious uses for fans in Japan. The umpire at wrestling and fencing matches uses a heavy one shaped like a huge butterfly, the handle being the body and rendered imposing by heavy cords of silk. The various motions of the fan constitute a language which the wrestlers fully understand and appreciate. Formerly in time of war the Japanese commander used a large fan, having a frame of iron covered with thick paper. In case of danger it could be shut, and a blow from its iron bones was no light affair. One notable variety of fan is made of waterproof paper, which can be dipped in water and creates great coolness by evaporation without wetting the clothes.

The flat fan made of rough paper is often used as a grain winnow, to blow the charcoal fires and as a dustpan. The Japanese gentleman of the old school who never wears a hat uses his fan to shield his eyes from the sun. His head, bare from childhood, hardly needs shade, and when it does he spreads an umbrella, and with his fan he directs his servants and saves talking.

Story of a Contented Girl.

This story is told of an eastern king: He wanted a wife, but he wanted one with a contented disposition. He had been told that a complaining woman was anything but a joy to the household, and he sought to avoid marrying any such. He set out on a journey through his kingdom and traveled far before he found the object of his search. Finally he met a humble peasant's daughter who was said to be a woman entirely contented with her surroundings.

The king assured himself that she had no complaint whatever to make concerning her lot in life and at once proposed to make her his bride, when she replied, "I am sorry to have to refuse the king my hand, but since I am contented with my present lot in life I will not consent to change it." And the king was compelled to find some one a trifle less content.

The Lobster's Birth Name.

"Did you ever see the name a lobster is born with?" asked a fishmonger. "It is marked on his person. No? Well, I'll show you one."

The fish vender took a lobster out of a heap on the marble slab.

"It's name is Joe," he said after he had inspected one of its legs. "Now, can you find it?"

The customer took the lobster gingerly by the back of the neck, where it could not reach his hand with its nippers.

Turning it on its back so that the short brown legs at the side flopped backward, a yellow streak half an inch long and an eighth of an inch wide was seen on the inside of the thigh.

In this yellow streak, like a mosaic, were short lines, as though some one had printed on it with indelible brown ink in back hand the characters "Joe."

"Some lobsters are named Jim," the fishmonger said, "some Jack, others John, and I once clearly made out the name Julia."—London Telegraph.

Canaries.

Canaries, which were originally green and gray in color, were native to the islands from which they take their name and were first taken to England on ships plying between English ports and the south of France. From this stock have been derived a number of distinct varieties, such as the crested, the green, the lizard, which imitates the reptile in its variegated markings, and the Belgian, which has a strong humpback appearance.

The Peanut.

In Tennessee and Georgia the peanut is [illegible] goober, in Alabama and the western gulf states a ground pea, in the southern [illegible] United States and in the West Indies a pindal or pindar and in various parts of England a [illegible] earth nut or ground nut.

First Public Pianist.

Of all the myriads who play the piano how few know that [illegible] Dibdin was the first to play the instrument in public. That was in 1767, and the feat was performed at the first night of "The Beggar's Opera."—Invention.

SAGE ADVICE OF A FATHER.

Counsel That All Young Men Entering Business Should Heed.

"My son," said the [illegible] but wise parent, "you are leaving me to go out into the world. I have nothing to give you but advice. Never tell a lie. If you wish to put one in circulation, get it published. A lie cannot die, but it takes one a blamed long time to fade out of print.

"Always read your contract. A man might consider he was getting a sinecure if he were offered a position picking blossoms off a century plant, but, you see, he wouldn't have a remunerative occupation if he were paid on piecework.

"Be not overcritical. Even the most ordinary sort of a genius can tell when the other fellow is making a fool of himself.

"Remember that the young man like the angler's worm is rather better for being visibly alive.

"Be careful in the choice of your surroundings. Environment will do a great deal for a man. For example, flour and water in a china jar is cream sauce; in a pail on the sidewalk it is billsticker's paste.

"Don't forget that there's a time for everything and that everything should be done in its proper time. Never hunt for bargains in umbrellas on a rainy day.

"You may make enemies. If you know who they are, don't mention them. Silence is golden. It saves the money that might otherwise be spent in defending a libel suit. If you don't know who they are, well, abuse [illegible] on a concealed enemy is like charity indiscriminately bestowed. It's a good thing wasted."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

BEWILDERED SHOPPERS.

Japanese Peasants Who Are Kept Track of by Labels.

When the Japanese peasants get themselves up for a pilgrimage to a city for the purpose of laying in a stock of finery, they present the quaintest appearance imaginable. The women generally tuck up their petticoats well above their knees, either leaving the legs bare or else swathing them in white bandages which form a kind of leggings. Their hair is done in the usual elaborate Japanese style, and generally an artificial flower is stuck in at the top. It does look comic to see the wizened face of an old woman with a large red rose hobnobbing over it. And this floral decoration is not confined to the women. When you meet a party of pilgrims, you often see the old men also with a flower stuck coquettishly above the ear.

At Nagano it appears that many of the poor old dears from the country get so bewildered by the magnificence of the places they go to and the distractions of shopping that they quite lose their heads and consequently their way. So the ever thoughtful Japanese police have insisted that every party of pilgrims is to have a distinguishing badge. At Nagano it was the commonest thing possible to see some ancient dame rushing about wailing: "Where is my party? Where is the purple iris party?" or "Where is the yellow towel round the neck party?" And then she would be told that "yellow towel round the neck party" was on the way to the station or that the "purple irises" were still saying their prayers in the temple.—Kansas City Star.

Landor and His Wife.

Landor's domestic unhappiness was too well known to be ignored, and I have known him refer to the circumstance occasionally, but I never heard him utter a word of blame. He said merely that "life was rendered impossible to him in Italy." I have heard him regret, when contrasting other and more congenial marriages, that he "unfortunately was taken by a pretty face."

Kenyon related to me an incident in the Landor honeymoon that is significant. On one occasion, it seems, the newly married couple were sitting side by side. Landor was reading some of his own verses to his bride, and who could read more exquisitely? when all at once the lady, releasing herself from his arm, jumped up, saying: "Oh, do stop, Walter. There's that dear, delightful Punch performing in the street. I must look out of the window." Exit poetry forever!

Landor gave me a characteristic account of his parting from his family. "There was no quarrel," he said, but he had resolved in his own mind to leave his home. The evening before, it seems, he had said, "Mrs. Landor, will you allow me the use of your carriage tomorrow morning to take me the first stage out of Florence?" The request was accorded, no further words passed between this ill assorted couple, "and so the next day I left forever," said Landor.—Gentleman's Magazine.

When Napoleon Was Happy.

Here is briefly what Napoleon said in response to the question, what or when had been the very happiest moment of his life:

It was not when he had attained to the consulship, nor was it when he was proclaimed emperor and crowned with the most brilliant and imposing ceremonies and the most gratifying honors ever bestowed upon a sovereign, nor was it at either of his marriages or at the birth of his son, the king of Rome, the long desired heir to his throne and the supposed perpetuation of his dynasty. It was earlier in his life than any of those events had occurred. It was when, at the age of 25, as the victorious commander of the army in Italy, he heard the shout of joy from the people in praise and honor of him, their liberator.

Napoleon's highest happiness was in the joy he experienced in bringing happiness to others and before the gall of selfishness had embittered his future career of greatness.

How the Ancients Swore.

In ancient times it was considered essential to the validity of an oath that the witness should hold something in his hand or place it upon some object of great sanctity. With the Jews it was the book of the law, which no doubt led to the use of the Bible in Christian courts of justice. The Bedouin Arabs have from the most remote period used various forms of adjuration. One of these was "By the temple." Another, still in use, is as follows: The person taking the oath takes hold of the middle pole of the tent and swears by the "life" of the tent and its owner. Mohammed swore by the "setting of the stars," a most poetical oath, though hardly so graceful as the [illegible] adjuration of William the Conqueror, who swore "By the splendor of God."

A Queer Norway Custom.

[illegible]

Nothing at All.

Brown—[illegible]

Jones (laughing)—That's nothing! my baby does that.—Exchange.

WHAT IT COSTS IN MONEY.

Probable Expenses of a Visit to the Pan-American.

[illegible] ticket to Buffalo good for 15 days. I would advise any one to prepare for at least a two weeks' trip. [illegible] Exposition [illegible] of denying [illegible] vantage.

The people of Buffalo [illegible] ample preparations for the entertainment of all who come to the Exposition. In addition to [illegible] of hotels [illegible] are very [illegible] entertainment of guests. Visitors may find comfortable accommodations as low as 50 cents a night for lodging, while better accommodations close to the Exposition can be secured for 75 cents and $1 per night. Breakfasts are served by many of the [illegible] at 25 cents to 50 cents, and there is an abundance of good restaurants where meals can be had at very moderate figures. The [illegible] Buffalo should not exceed $2 [illegible] per day for those who [illegible]. The admission to the Exposition is 50 cents. This includes admission to all the exhibit buildings and to all parts of the grounds, including the Stadium, where the athletic games and races, parades of live stock and [illegible] take place. The Midway also is free, except where one chooses to enter the concessions. There are some 75 shows ranging in price from 10 cents to 50 cents, all of them of unusual merit.

MARK BENNITT.

Brooklyn Day, Oct. 8.

Brooklyn will have a special day at the Pan-American Exposition, and Oct. 8 is the date selected. The committee on plan and scope, appointed by the president of the borough, is composed of prominent and influential officials, business men and manufacturers, and its work is being done with energy and enthusiasm. There will be a big popular excursion to the Exposition, where exercises appropriate to the occasion will be held. Dr. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, and other distinguished men will deliver addresses.

New York Federation of Women's Clubs.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, has been set aside as special day for the New York Federation of Women at the Pan-American Exposition. The annual convention of the Federation will be held in Buffalo Oct. 8, 9 and 10. Usually at the annual meeting several entertainments are given in the evening, but this year the entertainments will be limited to two, an opening reception given by the Women's Union and a closing reception to the Federation given by Mrs. Hamlin, president of the Women's Board of Managers of the Pan-American Exposition. The programme also contains but few subjects this year, the idea being to give more discussion to each subject and leisure to see the Exposition and to render the sessions less fatiguing than they were wont to be with many subjects.

National Grange Day, Oct. 10.

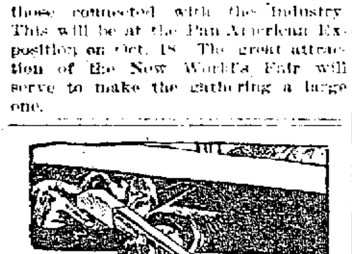
Excursions from all the important agricultural centers are being arranged for National Grange day at the Pan-American Exposition, Thursday, Oct. 10, and great crowds of visitors are assured for the special day. The different State granges will co-operate with the national body to make the day brilliantly successful. A programme of exercises appropriate to the occasion will be prepared. There is a handsome and commodious Grange building at the Exposition, and it will be used as headquarters and information bureau for the visiting Grangers. The agricultural and dairy exhibits at the Exposition are complete and of surpassing interest to agriculturists and dairymen. The United States Government agricultural exhibit is the most comprehensive ever made.

Atlantic City Day, Oct. 11.

Friday, Oct. 11, has been designated as Atlantic City day at the Pan-American Exposition. Prominent citizens of Atlantic City have interested themselves in the matter, and they propose to make their day one of the most important of the Exposition special days. The Associate Committee of Atlantic City Fraternals is doing excellent work in this direction. Owing to the fact that Atlantic City is a very popular resort, attracting many thousands of visitors daily, the committees having in charge the work of booming Atlantic City day at the Exposition will have an unusually good opportunity to advertise the event.

Bottlers' Day, Oct. 18.

Bottling of popular beverages has come to be an extensive and thriving industry. There are numerous large establishments in this country, giving employment to many thousands of persons. Several important associations have been formed among the employers and employees. It has been decided to have this year a gathering of those connected with the industry. This will be at the Pan-American Exposition on Oct. 18. The great attraction of the New World's Fair will serve to make the gathering a large one.



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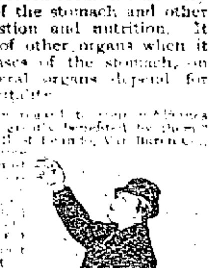

"I would say in regard to Dr. Pierce's [illegible] that I have been greatly benefited by Dr. Pierce's [illegible]" writes Mr. [illegible] [illegible] three years ago [illegible] taken in all twenty-one [illegible] of Golden Medical Discovery [illegible] three dozen vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets [illegible]

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BUFFALO AND ALLEGHENY VALLEY DIVISION.

Time Table taking effect May 26, 1901.

TRAINS LEAVE SMETHPORT.

[illegible]

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

[illegible]

WESTWARD.

[illegible]

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at [illegible] and at Ridgway with train 202, leaving Ridgway at [illegible] for DuBois, Red Bank, Pittsburg and intermediate points and train 3 leaving Ridgway at [illegible] for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager
J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking effect May 27th, 1901.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

[illegible]

Trains arrive at Smethport at [illegible]

For tickets and full information call on or address W. E. WALSH, Ticket Agt., Smethport, Pa.

JNO. C. McKENNA, Gen. Pas. Agent, Bradford, Pa.

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R.

Time Table No. 14. Passenger Train Schedule Effective Sunday, Aug. 4, 1901.

MT. JEWETT & SMETHPORT DIV.

[illegible]

SHAWMUT DIVISION

[illegible]

M. S. BLAIR, General Supt., St. Marys, Pa.
CHAS. H. HAMMOND, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, St. Marys, Pa.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taking effect Monday, [illegible] 1901.

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In Effect May [illegible], 1901.

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